

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 110
4000 Arlington Boulevard
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Arlington County
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- Location: Located in the northeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station at the southwest corner of Third and Fourth Streets. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.
- Significance: Constructed in 1936 as a Riding Arena, Building 110 was built as part of Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). Its subsequent use as a warehouse facility is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).
- Description: Building 110 is a rectangular, double height concrete block building, measuring approximately 160 feet by 80 feet, with single and double height extensions off the main block on the south facade that measure approximately 140 feet by 25 feet. The exterior walls are painted stucco and contain exposed brick buttresses. The arched metal roof over the main block is supported on long span steel roof trusses. The extensions have both flat and shed roofs.
- The north and west facades contain twenty-five-light sash, of which the central six lights are operable awning sash. The central window opening on the west facade contains forty-five lights, while the east facade has three fifteen-light sash with a central operable awning sash. The west facade also contains a series of six-over-six wood double-hung sash on the lower story. The large metal sash have brick sills and lintels. The north facade contains two exaggerated overhead garage doors.
- The extension on the south facade is constructed of concrete block with a small second story clapboard addition toward the east end. Window openings on the south facade vary from six-light fixed sash to six-over-six double-hung sash. Six-light wood panel doors and a metal stoop are located along the extension's south facade. The interior of the main building is open plan while the extension contains minimal partitioning for storage and offices.
- History: Building 110 was constructed in 1936 as a riding arena for Arlington Hall Junior College. The Army Signal Intelligence Service (SIS) moved its headquarters to the College in 1942. At this time the SIS poured a concrete floor over the riding

arena's dirt floor, installed offices and toilet rooms, and converted the building into a supply warehouse. In 1955 overhead garage doors were installed in the north facade. The main space has been used as a motor pool and maintenance facility as well as a warehouse. The storage area adjacent to the main room was converted into a wood shop and ceramics shop in 1965. Most recently the building has been used for storage.

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